

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the enclosed drawing amendments. Annotated Sheets Showing Changes with respect to Figures 3B and 23A of the drawings are provided with proposed changes indicated in red ink.

Corresponding Replacement Sheets are also enclosed.

Formal drawings incorporating the above changes are also being submitted with this Utility Patent Application filing.

REMARKS

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered.

The drawings have been amended. Applicants submit that the figures as amended do not add new matter given that support is found the specification at page 11, lines 12-13, page 16, lines 7-9, and page 19, lines 9-10.

The changes to the specification conform the specification to the formal drawings and correct errors.

The claims have been amended in view of restriction requirements in grandfather application no. 08/855,105, filed May 13, 1997 and parent application no. 10/071,581, filed February 7, 2002.

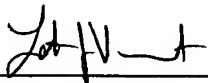
It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not add new matter.

If there are any charges not covered by any check submitted, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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